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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) A method of testing an integrated circuit comprising:  
receiving test output data from a circuit-under-test;  
delaying the test output data;  
comparing the test output data with the delayed test output data to generate a first compare signal;  
generating a control signal; and  
comparing the control signal to the first compare signal to generate a second compare signal.

Claim 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
if the second compare signal toggles from a first state to a second state while receiving the test output data; then  
providing a signal indicating an error; else  
providing a signal indicating no error.

Claim 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
changing the control signal such that the second compare signal toggles from the first state to the second state.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
toggling the control signal when the test output data is expected to toggle.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:  
after changing the control signal such that the second compare signal toggles from the first state to the second state;

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providing a signal indicating an error.

Claim 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
after receiving test output data from a circuit-under-test; and  
retiming the test output data to a clock signal, the clock signal comprising a  
plurality of clock cycles.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the test output data  
is delayed one clock cycle.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the delay is done  
using a flip-flop.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the test output data  
and the delayed test output data are retimed to a clock signal, the clock signal comprising a  
plurality of clock cycles.

Claim 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the retiming circuit  
s are preloaded with expected data to generate a first compare signal.

Claim 11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the comparing the  
test output data with the delayed test output data to generate a first compare signal and  
comparing the control signal to the first compare signal to generate a second compare signal are  
done using a first exclusive-OR gate and a second exclusive-OR gate.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) An integrated circuit comprising:  
a plurality of logic elements coupled to receive a test data input;  
a delay circuit coupled to receive a test data output from the plurality of logic  
elements;  
a first compare circuit coupled to an output of the delay circuit and further  
coupled to receive the test data output; and

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a second compare circuit coupled to an output of the first compare circuit and further coupled to receive a control signal,

wherein the control signal is based on the test data input.

Claim 13. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 12 further comprising:

a retiming circuit coupled to the delay circuit.

Claim 14. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 13 further comprising:

a state machine coupled to the second compare circuit.

Claim 15. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 12 wherein the first compare circuit and the second compare circuit are exclusive-OR gates.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) The integrated circuit of claim 12 wherein the integrated circuit is a field programmable logic device further comprising:  
a plurality of logic elements coupled by a plurality of programmable interconnect lines,

wherein the plurality of logic elements are coupled to the delay circuit by at least one of the plurality of programmable interconnect lines.

Claim 17. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 16 further comprising:

an error memory circuit coupled to the second compare circuit.

Claim 18. An integrated circuit comprising :  
a series combination including a retiming circuit in series with a delay circuit,  
wherein the retiming circuit is configured to retime test data to a clock signal and the delay circuit is configured to delay the test data;

a first compare circuit coupled to receive an output of the series combination;

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a second compare circuit coupled to receive an output of the first compare circuit, and further coupled to receive a control signal.

Claim 19. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 18 wherein the delay circuit has an input coupled to an output of the retiming circuit.

Claim 20. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 18 wherein a state machine is configured to provide the control signal.

Claim 21. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 20 further comprising a second retiming circuit configured to retime the test data and provide an output to the first compare circuit.

Claim 22. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 18 wherein the first compare circuit and the second compare circuit are exclusive-OR gates.

Claim 23. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 18 wherein the integrated circuit is a field programmable logic device further comprising:  
a plurality of logic elements coupled by a plurality of programmable interconnect lines.

Claim 24. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 18 wherein the error circuit comprises an OR gate having an output coupled to an input of a flip-flop, the OR gate configured to receive an output from the flip-flop and the output from the second compare circuit.

Claim 25. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 24 further comprising:  
a error circuit coupled to receive an output of the second compare circuit.